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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Personnel  
for Special Programs

SUBJECT : Potential GAO Audit of Agency  
Programs

REFERENCE : A. Memo, Same Subj, from Chairman,  
GAO Task Force, dtd 13 Aug '75

B. Memo, Same Subj, from EA/DPers,  
dtd 27 Aug '75

1. In response to referent memoranda, two areas of restriction are hereby reported with respect to Benefits and Services Division activities.

a. Insurance Branch. The Insurance Branch

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Therefore, it would be appropriate for GAO auditors to exercise the same precautions that Agency auditors employ in verifying the balances in these accounts.

b. Suggestion and Achievement Awards. Cases on file in the Suggestion and Achievement Awards Program holdings are originated in and pertain to situations in all components of the Agency. Thus, the files contain the basic ideas, inventions, achievements, accomplishments as well as evaluations and results from all directorates. A limited number of the total volume of cases encompass sensitive and controlled material such as: new covert action ideas, operational breakthroughs, spectacular recruitments of high intelligence potential, and technical and scientific discoveries of unique value to the Agency's special missions and the Nation's special intelligence objectives. The knowledge of such cases has been limited to a very few Agency officials such as the Director of Central Intelligence, one or two deputy-directors, an Office Director or

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Division Chief, the Chairman of the Agency's Suggestion and Achievement Awards Committee and the three Members of the DDO Special Panel. If the GAO Auditors wished to review files of the types of cases described above, our staff would refer them to appropriate representatives of the directorates involved with the substance of the material. We would then request that the operating component meet with the GAO Auditor and decide what material, if any, they wished to release.

2. There are no other areas of activity in Benefits and Services Division which require restrictions mentioned in referent memoranda.

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Chief, Benefits and Services Division

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In response to the attached memoranda, there are no restrictions to be placed on GAO should that organization audit Honor and Merit Awards.					
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